

Remarks

This paper is in response to the Office Action of June 30, 2005. The due date for response extends to September 30, 2005.

To expedite the issuance of the allowed subject matter, the Applicants have amended the objected-to subject matter to place it in condition for allowance. Claims 1-21 now stand cancelled.


The remaining rejected claims were cancelled. The cancellation of the rejected claims should not be construed as the Applicants' agreement with the rejection, and thus, the Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application at a later time, if desired.

The remaining independent claims are now claim 22 and 28. Claim 22 incorporates the objected-to subject matter of claim 24 and 23. Claims 25, 26 and 27 now depend from claim 22.

The remaining claims are now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. COREP002D).

Respectfully submitted,
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